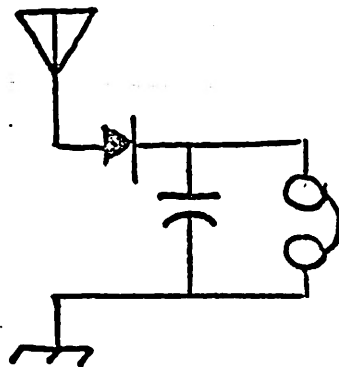


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NEXT MEETING: July 18, 1979. The next meeting will be held at SAMPO's, 185th and Hiway 26. Come early, eat your dinner and be assured of a seat!

PICTURES: Pictures of the Field Day exercise will be available at the meeting for your order. Maria, KA7CHU, has 3 rolls of color prints and will take your orders but you will have to pay at the meeting. The reason is to get a discount under one order. Figure about .25 cents each to be on the safe side and you will be refunded any excess money. We have about 75 pictures. Dave Marlowe has pictures but he will be out of town during the meeting, so I don't know if his will be there at the meeting.

RESIGNATION: I have resigned my position as Editor of the NEWSLETTER as of 18 July, 1979. This is because I have purchased some property in Vernonia and I will have to devote most of my time to this new project. This copy will be my last copy. I submitted my resignation to the officers of the Club, but I don't know if they have found anyone to be the new Editor. Perhaps one of you would like to try their hand? I will be around for awhile to help.

CRITIQUE OF FIELD DAY: By Al Berg, WE7SIC.

Several members have asked for a critique of our field day outing so I will do my best to oblige. To begin with I might express my thanks to the following people: Bob, KB7CC, for the use of his beam which had to be taken down, disassembled, transported and to reverse the procedure on returning home. Also for the use of the generator. To Jim, WA7QBI, for transporting two towers and climbing one of them to install a beam. To Gary, WB7RKW, for the loan of his tower. To George, WB3ELG, for the use of his very fine generator and for the locating and transporting of a beam. To Russ, N7ASB, for the loan of his tower and for his assistance on Friday in putting up dipoles. To John, N7ALM, for his expertise with ropes, pulleys, and tower erecting. To Lowell, W7NDH, for donating six steel fence posts for the tower anchors. They are appreciated and will be used in the future by the Club. To Doug, W7XI, for the use of his call, and his labor on Friday. To Warren Knight, Eldon May, and Lee McQuary for the loan

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Last and far the best, to Maria, KA7CHU, for the good food and to all the ladies who did a very good job taking care of the calories. By having coffee served at the operating stations was a treat in spite of the bugs collecting in our cups. If any contributors were omitted, I apologize. A lot of hustle and bustle were going on and it was hard to keep track of everyone and the various gear.

In regard to the critical comments I have on the overall operation, I should begin with activity, or lack of, prior to the BIG weekend. A lot of time, preparation and special meetings went into our operation and a need of more committee activity was evident in spite of having ample time to co-ordinate functions. I am sure we all realize that committees were set up so that one or two people are not saddled with all of the responsibility. In the future, it may be wise to ask for volunteers for committees so as to obtain people who are interested enough to spend the needed time to do a proper job. This would also insure that those who did volunteer, would be certain of their attending, in full, for the entire weekend.

The second subject to be covered would be in regard to early setup. If no one had been at the site to set up on Friday, we would not have been in the contest at all! Saturday would have been spent on antennas and we would have ended up with no more than a picnic. Field Day is the single biggest Amateur activity of the year. Perhaps I go overboard, BUT, I started thinking about F.D. 1979, the day after F.D. 1978, and was planning last March as to how I could get a day off work! Not everyone can get a day off work but thinking in constructive terms, I would say we need at least, eight hands and all of the antenna equipment FIRST thing Friday morning.

The third area to be covered is actual operation. We are a small club as yet and so my comments are somewhat tempered. We needed more members willing to operate and log and for a more longer period of time. Most assuredly, there were a few operators who would have appreciated an evening break to enjoy the fireside activities. The fault, or cause, is not having an operating schedule. One was not made because regimentation would not have been well received, so hopefully, next year we will have more volunteering.

The last critique is our logging procedures. Logging should have been demonstrated at one of the meetings and "sample" sheets should have been made available so that no one would have any doubt as to what and how to log in a contest. Many of our log sheets had calls and sections with no reports. Some had call and reports but no sections. Most had no operators name, some had no band or mode. What a waste of effort! You will recall that a pair of 7 X 35 binoculars was offered as first prize for the most points and a Pendleton blanket for the second prize. How can you pick a winner with no name on a log sheet? Much of

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band, or mode. Suggestions for a more effective 1980 Field Day will be offered a later date, and I am quite sure that we will all have constructive criticism. One idea I might mention is have a 2 meter rig at each table so to have immediate response as to band conditions, etc. Logs will be improved and quite surely our operation will be smoother. Field Day can be both an effective contest as well as being an excellent social function, providing everyone shares the duties. You will note that no comments have been made as to the success of the social side of our weekend. I thought it was 100% perfect! The weather was perfect, the food was outstanding, and the Club comradery was very good. New friendships were made and I think we all benefitted. Once again, hats off to the ladies for a great job. I look forward to Field Day 1980 with great enthusiasm and in the meanwhile, I hope that OTVARC remains a growing club and that we all enjoy every phase of our activities.

Best 73's

Al, WB7SIC



Doug, Tim & Al

Best of 73's

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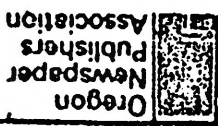


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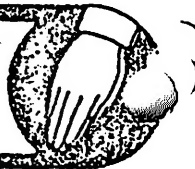
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CHURCH NEWS

Clatskanie Baptist Church
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Earl Johnson, Pastor
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Welcome to our summer
Sunday Bible School, 9:45
a.m. with classes for all ages.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Congregational singing, special music and messages to assist us in worshipping.
Evening service, 7 p.m.
Informal Christian fellowship.
High School Youth Gathering, 8 p.m., Sunday.
Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 a.m. at the church.
You are cordially invited to participate in our church services and activities.

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
Clatskanie
Phone 728-6739
The Rev. Wallace C. Bradley, M. Div. Vicar
Mass Sundays at Haikin-son-Groulx Family Mortuary at 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion, first and third Sundays, Morning Prayer service, second and fourth Sundays.
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Knappa, Oregon
Rev. Wm. L. Brooks, Pastor
Sunday Church School will recess for the summer season
Sunday morning worship service, 11 a.m., Service of Divine Worship.
3rd Thursday - 12:30 p.m.
Sr. Citizen's Potluck.

The Rev. Chris Bruland will be guest speaker at the Tuesday to Saturday Rev. Rev. Bee Hall - 728-3318
290 S. Nehalem St.
Clatskanie United Methodist Church
You will be joined at Willamette University, in Salem, by Clara Brougher and Ada Humble, lay members from the local church.
Sunday, June 24, morning worship will be held at 10 a.m., followed by a potluck dinner area east of Astoria.

Amateur Radio Field Day Set For Berg Farm

Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club will stage an outing at the Nick Berg farm in the Birkensfeld area from 10 a.m. June 23 to 2 p.m. June 24. It was announced this week.
Purpose of the field day, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League for many years, is to give radio amateurs practice for operations under emergency conditions.
The amateur radio service was begun in the early 1900s and is dedicated to serving the public in the event of local or national emergencies. The service also conducts public assistance under non-emergency conditions assisting in such things as walkathons and bike races.
Amateurs, either singly or as a group, compete for the maximum number of radio contacts over a period of 24 hours.
Any individuals interested in observing the operations are invited to attend the event. The Berg farm is located on Rimnaw Road in the Birkensfeld area and signs will be posted on the highway and at the farm to direct participants and observers to the location of the event.

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